Gentlemen,

Whitehall, Oct. 19th. 1738.

I have lately receiv'd a Letter sign'd by you and several members of your Vestry, in which you profess, & becom[e] Seniors and good Christians, That what is past, you heartily desire may be forgot on all sides. This is a sure foundation of Peace for the time to come, and what I hope all sides will practise and acquiesce in. In the course of such disputes, some things are usually said on both sides thro' heat and passion, which one would wish had not been said; and the sooner they are forgotten, the better. At so great a distance, it is next to impossible for me, in such cases, to form an exact judgment of persons and things; but there is one point which I am exceedingly clear in, that a continuance of the dispute among your selves, on which side soever the fault had lain, must in a little time have been the ruin of that Church. And as I heartily desire the welfare of your Church and every member of it, 'tis a particular satisfaction to me to see so good a disposition to Peace.

I do not remember, that I have ever given occasion ...

ther by word or writing, to Reſpect that I pretend to any more right, than that of licenſing the perſon who is to be yorer Miniſter, and who cannot regularly be receivd, either in yorer Government or any other of the Plantations, without ſuch Licence. And I am ſo far from diſcouraging the Education of yorer own Children for the Miniſtry, that I have heartily labourd, tho' without ſucceſs, to procure a Settlement of two Biſhops in the Plantations, one for the Continent, and the other for the Iſlands; chiefly, with a view to make it more eaſy and leſs expenſive to perſons who have had their Education there, to be admitted to holy Orders.

I deſire that this Letter may be communicated to the Veſtry, and, commending you and them to the divine bleſſing and protection, I remain,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful friend

Edwr. London.

Dr Gibson, Bishop
of London Letter to
the Secretary of State
dated Oct 1738

For

The Churchwardens of the

Church at Philadelphia

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